

Appl. No
Filed

: 09/878,719
: June 11, 2001

wherein said support portion of said padding layer is wider than said nose portion of said padding layer and said support portion of said padding layer is bifurcated to form a left and right seating surface for supporting the left and right ischial tuberosities of a saddle occupant thereby creating a median space between said left and said right seating surfaces that does not support the weight of a saddle occupant;

wherein said left and said right seating surfaces substantially diverge toward said back end of said resilient material; and

wherein said median space is approximately one inch wide midway between said back end of said saddle and said front end of said saddle.

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for courtesies extending during an interview of February 21, 2002. As discussed in that interview, Applicant is submitting the foregoing claims that overcome the prior art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests Examiner to withdraw the rejections.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: _____

By: _____

Edward A. Schlatter
Registration No. 32,297
Attorney of Record
620 Newport Center Drive
Sixteenth Floor
Newport Beach, CA 92660

HADOCSUPSUPS-1274.DOC
022502